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CANADIAN BC IOTA ISLANDS. In July you will see the first operation from **Dundas Island** (**NA-118**) since 1989. Also in July, a group from the U.S. and Canada will particpate in a Multi-Op effort from **Queen Charlotte Island** (**NA-051**) during the upcoming IOTA Contest. But before all this starts, Lew, N6VV, will be active as **N6VV/VE7** from **Quadra Island** (**NA-091**), **July 18-21st**. Then from **July 25-28th**, Lew/N6VV/VE7 with K6XV, W7DR and a group of local VE7's will operate a Multi-Op station for the IOTA Contest from **Queen Charlotte Island** (**NA-051**). After their contest effort, N6VV/VE7 and W7DR will be active from the **Dundas Island Group** (**Green Island**) (**NA-118**) **July 31st to August 2nd**. All activity will be on 80-10 meters plus the normal IOTA frequencies with operations on CW and SSB. QSL via N6VV CBA.

D2, ANGOLA. Just before going to print, the OPDX received a message from Fernando, EA4BB and ex 9Q5BB. Fernando states he has received the license, **D2BB**. He will be working in D2-land and plans to stay for a **year and a half**. He will be operating all bands in his spare time. For the moment his rig is a CODAN transceiver with 100 W output, and the antenna is just a folded multiband dipole. He plans to upgrade this antenna soon, but is limited to SSB until he can get ahold of a key. QSL is via EA4BB, either bureau or direct.

DAYTON HAMVENTION DX HIGHLIGHTS (by Editor). Still recovering from the long three day event, I figured I should report (share) SOME of the activities that took place. The Southwest Ohio DX Association Dinner Banquet, which took place Friday night (May 16th), was highlighted with an interesting talk/slide show by Bob, KK6EK, on the Heard DXpedition. The majority of the VK0IR team was also present. The Southwest Ohio DX Association awarded the VK0IR team a plaque for DXpedition of the Year. The SWODXA also awarded Ron, Wright, ZL1AMO, a plaque for DXpeditioner of the Year. The Hospitality suites (Friday and Saturday night) at the Crown Plaza where great as usual. I was especially pleased to see such a good response to the Northern Ohio DX Association's hospitality suite. The DX Forum on Saturday was also great. There was more on Heard Island and the VK0IR team (Just can't get enough - BUY the book and video!). There were also speakers for the TN2U/TN4M, XZ1N and ZL8RI DXpeditions. There was one thing missing this year. Many have commented and

noticed that there was no report from the League and the DXCC Desk which usually opens the DX Forum every year. Lastly, I enjoyed myself as always. It is wonderful seeing all the friends I have made over the last few years (especially since I started writing the OPDX). Friendship is a major part of this hobby and I will be looking forward to returning to Dayton next year to see all my friends again. It is a shame that it only happens once a year.... 73 and GUD DX de Tedd KB8NW

FRENCH IOTAs. David, ON4BDS, will sign **F/ON4BDS/P** from several French West Coast islands from **July 12-28th**. Look for David to activate the following IOTA's: **EU-157/Cezembre July 13-16**; **EU-074/Brehat July 16-19**; **EU-065/Ouessant July 19-22**; **EU-068/Sein July 22-2**5; and **EU-094/Glenan** July 25-28 (This schedule is subject to change). He also plans to be active in the IOTA contest from the Glenan Islands. Operations will be on all HF bands in both SSB and CW (not more than 10 wpm PLEASE!) QSL cards are "OK" via the 1996 Callbook adress, or via the bureau to ON4BDS, his home call.

I.I.A. (Italian Islands Award). This Award/Trophy is issued by the Crazy DX Group. Every OM and SWL (world-wide) can participate. The purpose is to contact/listen/activate the largest number of different Italian islands. Only referenced islands from the official IIA list will be valid, but any possible island reference released after the Trophy's starting time will also be valid. The participation is free of cost. Participation period is from June 1st to September 30th, 1997. For more details checkout the I.I.A. Web site: http://www.mline.peoples.it/crazy

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. If you're lucky, you may catch a contact with Aki, JA5DQH, as **KH0AA** from **Saipan** before he leaves. He will be there **until May 27th**. He was active in the **CQWW WPX CW contest**. Aki will be running 500 watts and use only dipole and vertical antennas on the roof top of his hotel. He plans to be active on the WARC bands and 160 meters. His Sunrise/Sunset is 1944z/0840z. QSL via JA5DQH.

MALYJ VYSOTSKIJ ISLAND (ex-4J1). Jari, OH2BU/OH7RF, reports the following: After a nearly two year hiatus, Malyj Vysotskij (ex 4J1-) will be reactivated **this coming June**. This 7th M-V Island DXpedition will start operations late afternoon (local) on Thursday, **June 5th**, and run through Monday morning, **June 16th**. Two callsigns are in use, **OH5AB/MVI** and **R1MVI**. Both calls reflect the uniqueness of this DXCC country located within the territory of Russia but under the control of Finland. Malyj Vysotskij, or Ravansaari, (**EU-117**) is located in the Bay of Vyborg northwest of St. Petersburg. The all-band, all-mode operation, involving twelve operators from Finland and Russia, will be running at least three complete stations 24 hours a day. Look for this operation on the following frequencies:

> **CW** - 1830, 3501, 7045, 10101, 14025, 18069, 21025, 24891 and 28025
> **SSB** - 1845, 3795, 7045, 14195/14295, 18145, 21295, 24945 and 28495
> **RTTY** - 14084, 18104, 21084 and 28084 kHz

There will also be some local 144 and 432 MHz operation, but there will be no satellite operation. Operators are Orvo/OH5NE, Ari/OH5KUY, Eero/OH5PT, Veikko/OH5YB, Pentti/OH5WR, Alex/RV1AC, Alex/RU1AS, Alex/RZ1AZ, Vasiliy/ RV1AN, Igor/RN1AB, Vlad/RA1ACQ and Vlad/RW1CW. All operators are from Lappeenranta and St.Petersburg Radio Clubs. QSL manager for OH5AB/MVI and R1MVI is: OH5NE, Orvo Arkko, Muukko, FIN-53400 LAPPEENRANTA, FINLAND.

N6, SANTA CATALINA ISLAND (USA). Europeans begin looking for Lew, N6VV, from **May 30th to June 2nd**, signing portable (**N6VV/p**) from IOTA **NA-066** during the West Coast morning and evening openings. Suggested frequencies: 14260 SSB, 14040 CW, 7260 SSB and 7040 CW. QSL via N6VV CBA. Additional information can be obtained from Lew at lew@premenos.com or his WEB site at: http://www.book.net/N6VV

NEW IBP HF BEACONS. Martin, G3USF, IARU Region 1 HF Beacon Coordinator, reports another of the five-band HF beacon network stations is now operational. The **VK6RBP beacon**, sited 28km south-east of **Perth**, is like all the other IBP beacons where the power steps down from 100 watts to 0.1 watt in four stages, transmitting 10 seconds on the IBP frequencies on the 14, 18, 21, 24 and 28 MHz. Also, the **JA2IGY beacon** which operated on the 14100 kHz frequency only, is now understood to be operational on all five bands. According to Martin, this leaves four beacons not as yet operational (BY, UA, OA and ZL). There are 14 beacons now on the air, and all these beacons are sponsored by NCDXF.

OJ0, MARKET REEF. The planned operation by OH2KI and OH1VR during the **CQWW WPX Contest** for this past weekend had to be **cancelled** due to transportation/weather problems.

PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE (PFP) AWARD. Sten, SM6DER, reports during the "Partnership for Peace" exercise in Sweden, the Hisingens Radioclub (SK6AW) together with Naval Command West (SL6BE and SL6BF), will issue an award for working amateur stations between now and May 31st. Information and rules can be found on the following WEB-site: http://home3.swipnet.se/~w-34041/award/

QSL INFO AND NEWS....

- Ivano, I4IFL, reports there is a new address for the QSL Manager of **IQ4T**: IK4HVR Francesco Tonetti, Via Marmolada 66, 47023 CESENA FO, Italy.
- **T88X** - Operator Tosy, JA6VZB; QSL via JA6BSM for this contest. (Note: WPX SSB is via JE6DND).
- **YT4I** and **4O4C** active during **CQ WPX CW Contest** have the QSL Manager of YU4WU, Robert Babec, P.O.Box 224, R.S. via Yugoslavia.

SPECIAL EVENT (1 DAY!). In celebration of one of the greatest bridge/ tunnel constructions in the world which will be opened for railway traffic June 1st, the following Danish stations will be active on the **Store Baelt** (Great Belt): **OZ2DSB, OZ3DSB, OZ5DSB, OZ6DSB, OZ8DSB** and **OZ4DSB/GB**. The last station will be situated on the bridge. The stations will be active June 1st, from 0800 to 1600z. The frequencies will be 3700, 7060, 14335 kHz and 145.450 Mhz. There will be 3 QSL-cards issued. One of them will be in watercolor showing a freight train leaving the tunnel. QSLs will be sent to all, but if you want a direct QSL or need further information please contact: OZ4IO President for FIRAC/OZ, Oluf Krog, Brinken 5, DK 8260 Viby Jylland, Denmark.

VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND. The Oceania DX Group (ODXG) is planning a DXpedition here with the following operators: Harry/VK4DHM, Bob/VK4MR, Jon/VK4CY, Ann/WA1S, Jon/K7CO/VK2DXT, Gaby/XE2Z/XE2GV, Elvira/IV3FSG, Eric/FK8GM, Bill/VK4FW and one JA YL yet to be announced. The ten operators plan to leave Cairns, Australia, on **September 9th**, on the 60 foot vessel called "FLOREAT". This journey will take approx. 30

hours and the DXpedition will have over 3 tons of equipment which include 800 litres of petrol. Their 12 day stay on the island will consist of 2 separate campsites set up to operate up to 6 complete HF stations and 1 on 6 meters. They plan to operate 160-10 meters, SSB, CW and RTTY. The budget for this Dxpeditions is $32,400 (USD). Donations are most welcome no matter how big or small. They report that they are fortunate that the vessel has been secured at a reasonable rate, or it would have been $40,000 (USD). Donations can be sent to ODXG WILLIS EFFORT, P.O. BOX 929 Gympie, QLD 4570, AUSTRALIA. A ODXG Dxpedition home page detailing the Willis Island trip by ODXG members has been put online at: http://www.keylink.com.au/odxg

ZP, PARAGUAY. Ernesto, LU6BEG, who was active last weekend as **ZP0M** during the **CQWW WPX CW Contest**, will continue to be active after the contest as **ZP5/LU6BEG**. The length of his activity is unknown. QSL ZP0M via ZP5XF and ZP5/LU6BEG via home call.

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